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Examiner: Edward Cain

For: EXTENDED WEAR OPHTHALMIC LENS:

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 6, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 6, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks, and a petition of a three month extension of the time to respond. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing to the claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Support for the New Claims begin on page 28

Remarks begin on page 29 of this paper.

Enclosed with this paper is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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Also enclosed with this paper is a petition under 37 CFR § 1.136 for a three month extension of the time to respond, together with a Fee Transmittal form in duplicate authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) for the extension and any other fees that may be due to Deposit Account Number 500417, McDermott Will & Emery, Washington D.C.

Please amend the claims as set forth helow and enter the following remarks.